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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS  
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group  
SUBJECT: Monthly Report--Okinawa Bureau--November 1981

I. GENERAL

The exchange rate, which at the beginning of November started at ¥231.90 to the dollar, dropped to ¥214 by the end of the month. The forecast is that the slide will continue.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/Monitorial

1. On 1 November Bangkok and Okinawa exchanged some Vietnamese coverage. Bangkok assumed coverage of the 1430 - 1500 GMT Hanoi Domestic Vietnamese cast. We took on primary coverage responsibility for the 1100 - 1145 GMT Hanoi Domestic Vietnamese cast. With the tradeoff we eliminated the late swingshift (the main purpose of which had been to allow coverage of the 1430 - 1500 GMT show) enabling us to cut a roundtrip bus run daily, reduce premium pay, and be more flexible in staffing and scheduling.

2. Moscow television coverage was highlighted by reports on Brezhnev's visit to the FRG on 23 November, which, coincidentally, dispelled rumors of his ill health. Our Russian monitor spent considerable time viewing additional VREMYA casts and providing VSL's on the reports on the Brezhnev visit. This delayed processing of the 21 November Zhukov program, which was finally completed on 25 November, although three takes of out-of-turn excerpts on Zhukov's

remarks on President Reagan's disarmament proposal were filed by the 23d. On 20 November we processed a speech by Gen Tolubko marking Soviet Rocket Forces Day.

3. For the Chinese Unit the major development was the opening of the Fourth Session of the Fifth NPC on the 30th. The key document was a three-part report by Premier Zhao Ziyang entitled "The Present Economic Situation and the Principles for Future Economic Construction." In the absence of the text of the report, delivered over a period of two days, and live coverage of the session, we liberally filed various reports from the Chinese media.

#### B. Lateral Services

At the request of Major John Shotwell, Marine and USFJ public affairs officer, we provided a videocassette recording and brief summary of an Okinawan television show on the presence of U.S. forces 10 years after Reversion.

### III. ADMINISTRATION

#### A. Personnel

1. New Russian monitor [ ] and his family arrived on 6 December. [ ] is scheduled to arrive on the 13th. 25X1  
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2. [ ] was named Chief of the Russian Unit on 1 December. 25X1

3. Chinese monitor [ ] returned to work on a part-time basis on 7 December. 25X1

4. Three representatives from the Civilian Base Personnel Office (CBPO) visited the bureau as the first step in the annual review of MLC positions. We have completed the documentation the CBPO will need to finish its survey, which will begin the week of 7 December.

#### B. Buildings and Grounds

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2. Installation of fire extinguishers in houses--a recommendation of the recent safety survey--has begun and will be completed later in December.

#### IV. VISITS

1. Regional Engineer [ ] departed for TDY in Seoul and Hong Kong on 23 November; he will return on 9 December. [ ] left for a two-week cruising survey in Seoul on 27 November. 25X1 25X1

2. Bureau Administrative Officer [ ] attended a Far East support officers' conference in Manila 3-8 November. 25X1

3. Tony Melzer, DOD Spec Rep Torii Station, visited the bureau on 20 November.

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Attachments:  
Production Report

cc: Chief, Bangkok  
Chief, Hong Kong  
Chief, Seoul